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November 12, 1999  
(Via Facsimile @ 312/353-9176;  
Original via US Mail)

Ms. Anita Boseman  
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US EPA RECORDS CENTER REGION 5



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RE: Response to USEPA's 11/10/99 Correspondence  
Notice of Federal Interest in an Oil Pollution Incident

Dear Ms. Boseman:

This letter is in response to the correspondence received by your office via facsimile on November 10, 1999.

Per your correspondence, Service Welding & Ship Building (Service Welding) is hereby voluntarily agreeing to complete the following:

- (1) place absorbent boom of sufficient length to encompass the "asphalt" pile twice to ensure the containment of materials within the pile. Service Welding has ordered the boom and anticipates its delivery by Monday, November 15, 1999. The boom will be inspected on a daily basis for signs of deterioration and saturation. The boom will be repaired and replaced as necessary to ensure sufficient containment capacity;
- (2) Service Welding will not add or remove substances of any kind to or from the "asphalt" pile until USEPA has reviewed data generated from recent sampling completed of materials located on-site. However, Service Welding intends to continue pursuit of securing the proper disposal approval paperwork from Land & Lakes for purposes of removing the pile at a later date. Service Welding will submit a copy of the disposal approval paperwork to USEPA upon receipt.

Additionally, per the site visit of this date by Ms. Anita Boseman, this letter is to notify the USEPA that Service Welding has completed the inventory of all of the drums located on-site:

Full Drums:

2: "Charlie" - Commercial Boat Detergent  
7: Hydraulic Oil (32)  
7: 40w Oil  
2: 15w-40w Oil  
9: Engine Oil 13  
1: 100% Antifreeze  
16: Used Thermal Oil

1200: Soybean "Mash" product

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Empty Drums:

- 164: Empty Drums – Already Cleaned; to be crushed
- 18: Empty Cooper Oil Drums – to be cleaned & crushed
- 260: Asphalt Drums – to be cleaned & crushed

Service Welding intends to complete the removal of all of the empty drums located on-site. The tops of the drums will be removed and any residual product will be cleaned from the container. The empty drums will subsequently be crushed and loaded onto a transport trailer and shipped off-site for disposal at a local scrap metal recycling facility. Service Welding intends to use: Belsen Scrap & Steel, Inc., 1685 N. Route 50, Bourbonnais, IL 60914.

Furthermore, within the next few weeks, Service Welding will empty the drums of Thermal Oil (heat transfer oil) and re-introduced these materials into the barge's boiler. Once emptied, the drums will be managed as previously indicated. Drums of other petroleum-related oil product located on-site have been re-located along with the Thermal Oil to the containment area just south of the former processing tanks (the 40,000 gallon lay-down tanks). As indicated in prior meetings, the drums of soybean product (solids) are being stored in a separate location pending the final procurement of an off-site marketing source as a feed supplement.

Service Welding has agreed to your request, and will not complete any further activities associated with the empty drums until Tuesday, November 16, 1999.

Should you have any further questions regarding the enclosed, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience @ 630/739-0947.

Sincerely,



Daniel Egan  
Operations Manager

Cc: Jeanette Virgilio, ENMARC